

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of April 15, 2004, are earnestly solicited.

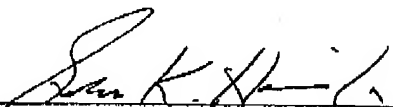
The Abstract has been amended to delete use of "disclosed". Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in independent form and their previous parent claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 2. New claims 18-20 depend from allowable claim 3. In view of the amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) of claims 1 and 5-9 under *Pone et al.* is believed mooted.

Claims 2-3 and 5-6, as amended herein, Claims 4 and 7-17, as originally submitted and newly presented claims 18-20 are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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